

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method and system for presence state assignment based on schedule information in an instant messenger system. In one embodiment, the method may include  
5 storing schedule information corresponding to a given user, where the schedule information is indicative of an activity status of the given user at a given time. The method may further include querying the schedule information, and if a current presence state of an instant messenger does not correspond to the activity status indicated by the schedule information, assigning a different presence state that corresponds to the activity  
10 status in response to the querying, where the current presence state and the different presence state each correspond to the given user.